

Office of Vermont Health Access Pharmacy Benefit Management Program

PHARMACY ALERT!

Change in Process for VPharm Members with 100% Low-Income Subsidy (LIS)

Many people qualify for extra help from the federal government to help pay for Part D medications. This extra help is called the "Low-Income Subsidy" (or "LIS"). Some VPharm members qualify for **100**% LIS.

For those who do qualify for 100% LIS, co-payments should be no greater than \$5.60. In fact, their Part D benefit is almost exactly the same as full-benefit duals (no deductible or donut hole). The only difference is that VPharm pays for their copayments.

In the past, VPharm has covered co-payments greater than this amount for this population. Going forward, claims greater than \$5.60 will be rejected by OVHA.

The rejection will state: "Contact PDP, VPharm max co-pay of \$5.60 exceeded"

In the event that Part D Plans charge larger copayments to these members, pharmacies should call the Part D Plans to determine why. (Attached is a list of Part D Plans and their phone numbers.)

In addition, VPharm members may call Maximus (OVHA Member Services) at (800) 250-8427. Maximus representatives are aware of this change and are ready to help VPharm members who are affected by this transition.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DOES NOT AFFECT ALL VPHARM MEMBERS.